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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of documents (1) to (3) are enclosed.

- (1) JP 2000-76302
- (2) JP 2002-369109
- (3) JP 2003-319296

English language abstracts accompany each of documents (1) to (3). In addition, documents (1) to (3) are discussed in the specification of the subject application and may be deemed relevant for the reasons given therein. The concise explanation of relevance for non-English language documents (1) to (3) is believed to be satisfied by the

enclosed English language abstracts and the discussion provided in the specification. See MPEP 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

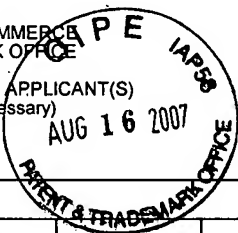
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Respectfully submitted,

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